



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Commissions Room-33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005

March 12, 2024
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. February 13, 2024 Minutes

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Sustainability Plan
- B. Landfill Diversion & Education

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Gasoline Powered Leaf Blower Ban
- B. 2024 Commission Goals
- C. Grant Applications and Recommended Goals

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes

Department: HHS

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Agreement

**Village of Arlington Heights
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Minutes from February 13, 2024**

I. Call to Order

Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present

Chair O'Brien
Commissioner Jaeschke
Commissioner Jordan
Commissioner Flores
Commissioner Eisenhardt
Youth Commissioner Gil-Lara

Not Present

Commissioner Sawyer
Commissioner Skrudland

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

II. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Jaeschke noted the Commissioners Jordan and Sawyer were missing as attendees at the December meeting.

Commissioner Jaeschke moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2023, Environmental Commission meeting as amended. Commissioner Eisenhardt seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reports

V. Old Business

A. Climate Plan and Benchmarks

Commissioner Jordan stated she had found a listing of possible grants to help the Village write and implement a sustainability plans. It was:

<https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants>

The Liaison shared that the staff committee on a sustainability plan had not begun to write the plan yet.

Commissioner Eisenhardt shared that Kane County had just published a climate plan.

The Commissioners proceeded to find grant opportunities for writing or implementing sustainability or climate plans. Chair O'Brien noted that many of the grants were funded at a Federal level but distributed at a regional or local level. Most of the grants the

Commissioners were able to find had expired of filing deadlines were shortly expiring. Commissioner Jordan then said that a plan needed to be written soon before all grant opportunities were gone. The Commission offered assistance in writing the plan, saying it should be arranged around the Greenest Region Compact (GRC) model and the priority items from the Commission. These items were:

- a green procurement policy
- policy on environmental protection
- reduction of climate change impacts
- converting the Village fleet to alternative fuels
- increasing composting
- increasing knowledge of tree city programs

Commissioner Jaeschke and Chair O'Brien said they would write summaries to be included with each of the main components of the GRC plan.

B. Landfill Waste Diversion

Commissioner Jordan told the Commission that there was an international plastic bags accord being negotiated currently. Commissioner Jaeschke noted there had been public push-back against plans in Canada. While several Commissioners expressed support for a single use plastic bag ban or tax, a majority agreed that education should be used while research into bans or taxes continued. There was a discussion on expanding the residential composting program to include more food products and remain active during the winter.

VI. New Business

Commissioner Flores agreed to find videos to post on Village media sites.

Commissioner Eisenhardt agreed to research the EPA grant site for available funds.

Commissioner Jaeschke said he would write a summary paragraph for the 7 priorities in the climate plan.

Youth Commissioner Gil-Lara agreed to find or make Tik-Tok videos on the proper way to recycle.

VII. Other Business

The Liaison informed the group of a composting event at Public Works on April 20th and a document destruction event at Forest View Educational Center on April 28th. Latex paint recycling events were continuing in the Spring.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Commissioner Eisenhardt to adjourn. Commissioner Jordan seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



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